

**C. REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12, 14, 15, 25, 28-36, and 38-44 will be pending in this application with claims 1, 11, 25 and 28 being independent claims. Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the claims is found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

**Claim Objections**

Claims 9 and 10 were objected to as failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 10 has been amended to overcome this objection.

**35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection**

Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 25, 28-36, and 38-44 were rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants have amended the claims to recite aspects of a processing program loaded on a computer. Applicants submit that all of the claims, as amended, are clearly directed to statutory subject matter.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

**35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection**

Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 25, 28-36, and 38-44 were rejected as being indefinite. Applicants traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants have amended the claims to provide proper antecedent basis. Applicants submit that all of the claims, as amended, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter therein.


Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

**D. CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit this application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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